

Indiana Department of Environmental Management Office of Water Quality Wetlands Section

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To all interested parties:

This letter shall serve as a formal notice of the receipt of an application for Section 401 Water Quality Certification by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The purpose of the notice is to inform the public of active applications submitted for water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1341) and to solicit comments and information on any impacts to water quality related to the proposed project. IDEM will evaluate whether the project complies with Indiana's water quality standards as set forth at 327 IAC 2.

1. Applicant:

Mr. Rod Taylor

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Lawrenceville, IL 62439

2. Agent: Ms. Briana Bosse

American Structurepoint 7260 Shadeland Station Indianapolis, IN 46256

3. Project location:

Part of Section 32, Township 1 South, Range 9 East, Gibson County, Union USGS Quad. The project is located near the town of Wheeling within the Patoka National Wildlife Refuge.

4. Affected waterbody:

Early successional forested wetland

5. Project Description:

The applicant proposes to install an oil well on property currently leased from the Patoka Wildlife Refuge. In order to install the well the applicant proposes to permanently impact approximately 0.08 acre of early successional forested wetland and proposes temporary impacts to 1.63 acres of wetland. The permanent impacts are associated with the access drive and well area. Temporary impacts will include the excavation of 5 lined mud pits for the temporary storage of drilling wastes, casing storage racks, portable trailer, mud pump, and the installation of 2,759 feet of 2" steel pipe to convey the oil to a contained upland storage area. All temporary impacts will be restored to wetland conditions and all drilling waste will be disposed of at Barnhill Saltwater Disposal.

Comment period:

Any person or entity who wishes to submit comments or information relevant to the aforementioned project may do so by the closing date noted above. Only comments or information related to water quality or potential impacts of the project on water quality can be considered by IDEM in the water quality certification review process.

Public Hearing:

Any person may submit a written request that a public hearing be held to consider issues related to water quality in connection with the project detailed in this notice. The request for a hearing should be submitted within the comment period to be considered timely. The request should also state the reason for the public hearing as specifically as possible to assist IDEM in determining whether a public hearing is warranted.

Questions?

Additional information may be obtained from Mr. Jason Randolph, Project Manager, at 317-233-0467.

Please address all correspondence to the project manager and reference the IDEM project identification number listed on this notice. Indicate if you wish to receive a copy of IDEM's final decision. Written comments and inquiries may be forwarded to -

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